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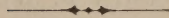
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OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Moderator.

HORACE A. GODFREY.

Town Clerk.

ENOCH J. TILTON.

*CYRUS W. BROWN.

Representative.

PETER G. TILTON.

Selectmen.

LEVI E. LANE.

EDWIN JANVRIN.

EDWIN PRESCOTT.

Treasurer.

*EDWIN PRESCOTT.

Superintending School Committee.

JOHN F. SHEPARD.

Auditors.

TRUE M. PRESCOTT.

DANIEL E. PERVEAR.

BENJAMIN F. WEARE.

Collector.

*GEORGE B. SANBORN.

*Appointed by Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Hampton Falls, for the year ending March 1st, 1871.

He charges himself as follows:

For cash on hand, March 1st, 1870,	\$254 58
“ “ from State Treasurer for R. R. tax,	598 03
“ “ “ “ “ “ Savings	
Bank Tax,	105 80
“ “ from State Treasurer for Literary Fund,	33 64
“ “ from George B. Sanborn (collector),	3,624 41
“ “ from J. H. Gove, on note,	1,800 00
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Total receipts,	\$6,416 46

He credits himself with the following payments, per order of the Selectmen:

For cash paid for Support of Schools, (A)	\$640 64
“ “ School-house Tax, (B)	100 00
“ “ Support of Poor, (C)	211 95
“ “ Roads and Bridges, (D)	243 50
“ “ Services Town Officers, (E)	188 00
“ “ State Tax,	1,302 00
“ “ County Tax,	944 62
“ “ Town Indebtedness, (F)	2,376 08
“ “ Incidentals, (G)	55 43
“ “ Abatements, (H)	115 05
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Total Expenditures,	6,177 27
Balance on hand,	<hr/> \$239 19

(A)

Support of Schools.

Paid Edwin Janvrin, for District No. 1,	\$221 88
George C. Brown, for District No. 2,	196 88
Alvah D. Prescott, for District No. 3,	221 88
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	\$640 64

(B)

School-house Tax.

Paid Emery Batchelder, District No. 1,	\$100 00
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(C)

Support of Poor.

Paid Dr. C. H. Sanborn, for medical attendance on Mrs. Page,	\$23 50
Dr. S. G. Jenness, for medical attendance on Mrs. Page,	11 00
Dr. S. G. Jenness, for medical attendance on Benjamin Brown,	7 00
Dr. S. G. Jenness, for medical attendance on Wm. Rowe,	3 00
For nursing and funeral expenses of Wm. Rowe,	33 25
G. D. Dodge, for supplies furnished Mrs. Page,	45 29
E. J. Tilton, " " "	11 49
Caleb Tilton, for wood, " "	5 50
T. S. Sanborn, " " "	8 00
Edwin Janvrin, " " "	19 75
John A. Brown, " " "	3 00
John A. Brown, cutting wood for " "	3 00
Moses Brown, " " "	4 12
Wm. Knowles, " " "	2 00
Edwin Janvrin, cash to " "	2 25
Lydia Brown, washing clothes for " "	1 00
Charles Chase, for House rent for Mrs. Page,	15 00

Moses Brown, nursing Benjamin Brown,	\$4 50
Joseph P. Jones, " " "	1 50
Edwin Janvrin expenses of transient paupers,	4 30
N. Blanchford, for supplies furnished to Mrs.	
Page,	4 50

(D) \$211 95

Roads and Bridges.

Paid S. B. Coffin, for lumber,	\$7 00
D. C. Hawes, for lumber and labor in District No. 1,	5 25
E. Janvrin, for lumber, nails, and labor on Bridges,	23 40
C. C. Gove, for lumber and labor on Bridges,	6 00
Jones F. Jones, for iron and labor on Dodge's Bridge,	\$15 00
John F. Jones, for iron and labor on Towle's Bridge,	10 25
L. F. Merrill, for labor on Towle's Bridge,	2 00
L. F. Merrill, for labor on Dodge's Bridge,	3 00
James Truesdale, for labor on Towle's Bridge,	4 00
L. E. Lane, for labor on Towle's Bridge,	8 00
L. E. Lane, for labor on bridge in District No. 11,	14 00
T. M. Prescott, for labor on bridge in District No. 11,	5 00
C. E. Morse, for labor on bridge in District No. 11,	20 00
E. Prescott, for labor on bridge in District No. 11,	2 00
J. W. Brown, for labor on same, and Towle's bridge,	89 65
L. E. Lane, for carting derrick to and from Exeter,	4 00

Paid J. Carlisle, for use of derrick,	\$7 50
J. C. Sanborn, for labor in District No. 12,	1 25
C. A. Hardy, for labor in District No. 9, 1869,	6 00
A. J. Chase, for making snow paths in Feb- ruary, 1870,	1 05
J. Pevear, for making snow paths in March, 1870,	1 50
Green Hardy, for making snow paths in March, 1870,	75
G. L. Brown, for making snow paths in March, 1870,	1 70
James Truesdale, for making snow paths in March, 1870,	5 20

(E.)

\$243 50*Services of Town Officers.*

Paid E. J. Tilton, for services as Town Clerk,	\$10 00
C. W. Brown, " " " " "	8 00
J. F. Shepard, " " " Superin't School Committee,	15 00
G. B. Sanborn, for services as Collector,	45 00
Levi E. Lane, " " " Selectman,	25 00
Edwin Janvrin, " " " "	25 00
Edwin Prescott, " " " "	40 00
Edwin Prescott, " " " Treasurer,	20 00

\$188 00

(F.)

Town Indebtedness.

Paid Coupons,	\$185 00
S. N. Dearborn, note and interest,	1,595 06
Interest on J. Wilson's note to Jan. 19, 1871,	36 00
" " Lorana Brown's note to March 1, 1871,	171 77

Paid Interest on J. H. Gove's notes, March 1, 1871,	\$358 25
" " J. T. Brown's note, March 19, 1870,	30 00
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(G.)	\$2,376 08

Incidentals.

Paid Warren Brown, expenses of Auditors, Feb. 21st, 1870,	\$3 00
A. Mudge & Son, printing town accounts for the year ending March 1st, 1870,	23 00
George E. Lane's bill for stationery,	3 41
James D. Brown, for use of Christian Chapel,	14 00
L. E. Lane's bill for stationery,	1 05
E. Prescott's bill for stationery and postage,	2 14
E. J. Tilton's bill for postage,	33
For legal advice,	2 00
Cyrus Brown, for services at post-mortem ex- amination of E. P. McQuillin,	3 00
Edwin Prescott, for paying State Tax,	3 50
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	\$55 43

(H.)

Abatements.

Paid C. A. Nayson, for land not owned,	\$14 59
Daniel Pevear's Poll Tax,	1 95
Non-resident Highway tax paid in labor,	26 08
Henry L. Dodge, for wood over-taxed,	1 30
Silas Green, uncollected tax for 1869,	26 24
John C. Akerman tax of John W. Dodge for 1866,	44 89
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	\$115 05

Town Debts, March 1, 1871.

Date.	No. on Bond.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Rate per ct.	When due.	To what date Interest is paid.
	13	D. Perkins	\$500 00	5	1874	March 1, 1871.
	14	D. Perkins	500 00	5	1874	" 1, 1871.
	20	J. N. Healey	500 00	5	1877	" 1, 1871.
	21	J. N. Healey	500 00	5	1878	" 1, 1871.
	22	J. H. Gove	500 00	5	1879	" 1, 1871.
	26	J. H. Gove	200 00	5	1881	" 1, 1871.
March 1, 1871	Notes.	J. H. Gove	5,000 00	6		
" 1, 1871		J. H. Gove	1,800 00	6		
" 1, 1871		Lorana Brown	400 00	6		
January 19, 1871	"	Joel Wilson	600 00	6		
March 19, 1866	"	J. T. Brown	500 00	6		" 19, 1870.
Total liabilities,			\$11,000 00			
Less by cash on hand,			239 19			
Total debt,			\$10,760 81			
Debt last year,			10,717 93			
Debt increased,			\$42 88			

EDWIN PRESCOTT,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and a balance of two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and nineteen cents, in favor of the town.

TRUE M. PRESCOTT, }
DANIEL E. PEVEAR, } *Auditors.*

HAMPTON FALLS, March 25th, 1871.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March, 1871.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, — EDWIN JANVRIN.

In this district there were three school terms, two in summer and one in winter. The summer terms were taught by Miss Eliza B. Janvrin, a resident of the district, and a new beginner at teaching. Her success was not as good as it probably would have been in a smaller and less obtuse school. She seems to possess qualities which go far towards making a good teacher, and with her present experience would, without doubt, succeed well in an average school. Her register is very well kept.

Miss Ellen F. Thompson, of Epping, is teaching the winter term. Miss Thompson is a teacher of experience and ability, and has taught three terms in the district before. She is very thorough in her tuition and evidently believes in finishing her work as she goes along. If persistent drilling will have any effect, under her the dullest scholar will acquire some knowledge.

There are some good scholars in this school, but a large portion appear to be below mediocrity, a fact which is not justly chargeable to the teachers, but rather to the indifference and lack of interest on the part of parents.

At present writing this school is not closed.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, — GEORGE C. BROWN.

Three short terms in this district; the first two were taught by Miss Helen B. Tilton, a resident of the district, who had previously taught two years in District No. 3. Under her instruction the scholars made rapid progress in their studies, and gave practical proof of their proficiency at the public examination.

Her success was due in a great measure, to the fact that she won the affection and respect of her scholars, and that, generally, their parents co-operated with her in her efforts to succeed. Owing to a "previous engagement" her services could be no longer secured. She returned a neat and well kept register. The winter term was taught by Miss Mary S. Blake, of Kensington, whose previous experience was limited to one short term in Epsom, N. H. Under her the school maintained its good character, excepting only that a few of the larger boys did not pay proper attention to the rules of the school. At the annual Christmas festival the scholars showed a high degree of excellence in declamation. Her register was well kept.

This has been spoken of by former superintendents as "the model school," and, by teachers, as "an easy school to keep," a character which it evidently deserves, as the scholars are farther advanced and more proficient than those of a like age in the other districts. This is owing, doubtless, to the fact that they are more regular in their attendance, and that their parents, by visiting the school and other acts, encourage the teacher and scholars, for the district has less money to expend, and consequently less tuition than the other districts.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, — ALVAH D. PRESCOTT.

Two terms, — both in warm weather, — taught by Miss Mary W. Lamprey, of North Hampton. Miss Lamprey is a teacher of considerable experience, and had taught one term in the district previously, giving good satisfaction to the citizens. Some of her scholars displayed considerable proficiency in arithmetic and geography, and all were expert in that branch of gymnastics known as calisthenics. In reading and spelling, however, many of them were sadly deficient, owing, without doubt, to the rapid and careless manner in which she rushed them through their exercises; often passing words that were miscalled, or misspelled, without any notice or comment.

She complains that some of the larger scholars are in the habit of absenting themselves on examination days.

Her registers are badly blurred and blotted, and so loosely kept that but little of the information usually embraced in the statistical table, can be obtained from them.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Some writer has asserted that he could tell the character of a people by their school-houses. What sort of a reputation Hampton Falls would have in his estimation, it is not difficult to imagine, especially if he should visit the school in district No. 1, and find fifty, or more, scholars, closely packed in a room not large enough for half that number; while, just across the way, stands that dilapidated temple of education, known in days gone by, as the Rockingham Academy, but now, alas! has "ICHABOD" indelibly written upon its walls. This district cannot reasonably expect to have a superior school with its present inferior accommodations.

The school-house in district No. 2 is much in need of repairs; that in district No. 3 appears to be sufficiently commodious and in very good repair.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the past year, no changes have been made in any of the text-books; not but there is need enough of change, but the practice, which has obtained, of indiscriminately introducing new books, has wrought a serious evil, which can only be remedied by a radical reconstruction of the whole list. New books have been introduced, from time to time, to suit the inclinations of superintendents, teachers, or parents, while those which they were intended to replace, were retained by a portion of the scholars; the result is that we have a miscellaneous assortment of readers and arithmetics, embracing nearly all that have been published during the present generation, rendering it necessary to divide the scholars into two or three times as many classes as would be required were there but one series in use. Uniformity is what is most needed.

Last year, Guyot's Geographies were introduced, in place of Cornell's (the latter are still retained by one class in district No. 3, however), and, as they came well bolstered up with certificates and recommendations, were expected to perform miracles in their line of instruction; but thus far they have proved a failure, and are generally condemned by both teachers and scholars.

It is but fair to state that we have not procured the wall-maps, which are a necessary adjunct to the geographies; these can be purchased for from \$25 to \$40 per set, and a set of globes, "which no school can afford to do without," for as much more; and, having obtained these, new and larger school-rooms will be necessary, as ours, excepting, perhaps, that in district No. 3, do not afford room on the walls to display the maps.

The law requires that any book, or series of books, introduced into any school by the committee, "shall continue in use therein for the term of three years from its introduction, and,

during that time, no other text-books on the same subject shall be used." It appears that this law has been disregarded.

THE SCHOOL REGISTERS

Are not so well kept and filled as the law requires, and are particularly deficient in the responses to the 41 questions to which answers are expected; the space under the head of "Remarks by the Teacher," is too often left entirely blank. Perhaps this remissness would be obviated if the prudential committees complied with the law, which is printed on the first page of the register, and requires that every teacher "at the close of his school, and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of the register to the school committee, who shall give him a certificate thereof; and no teacher shall receive payment for his services, until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee."

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

There appears to be no definite rule to guide the Superintendent in granting or withholding certificates; and as there is no designated time or place for, and no competition in examinations, the matter is practically in the hands of the prudential committees, who select and employ whom they please, and the Superintendent is expected to furnish a certificate that the party possesses the necessary qualifications.

THE DOG TAX

Is a subject not usually referred to in this report, but as it has added materially to our school-fund, is entitled to honorable mention, and it is hoped that the number of our canine friends will increase, provided they are of the virtuous and honest breed who do not molest sheep.

"'Tis sweet to hear the watch-dog's honest bark,"

when we know that he contributes his annual dollar towards the cause of education.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Number of District.		TEACHERS.		No. of weeks of Schools.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of Scholars not absent one-half day.	No. of instances of tardiness.	No. of cases of corporal punishment.	No. of visits by Superintendent.	No. of visits by citizens and others.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.	Amount of Money voted by Town to District.	Amount of Literary Fund to District.	Amount of Dog Tax to District.	Total Amount of Money to District.	REMARKS.
1	1.	Miss Eliza B. Janvin,	9	51	43—	10	45	2	1	9	\$25 00		\$191 67	\$11 21	\$19 00	\$221 88	* School not closed.
2		Miss Eliza B. Janvin,	8	43	35	2	36	3	2	14	25 00						
3		Miss Ellen F. Thompson, . .	13	49	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	30 00					
1	2.	Miss Helen B. Tilton,	8	22	19+	7	8	0	2	17	25 00						† Her registers fail to give the desired information.
2		Miss Helen B. Tilton,	8	21	20+	13	24	2	1	9	25 00						
3		Miss Mary S. Blake,	9	23	20	8	5	0	2	2	8	30 00	166 67	11 21	19 00	196 88	
1	3.	Miss Mary W. Lamprey, . . .	12	42	†	†	†	†	†	1	†	30 00					221 87
2		Miss Mary W. Lamprey, . . .	14	45	†	†	†	†	†	2	†	30 00	191 66	11 21	19 00		

JOHN F. SHEPARD,
Superintending School Committee.

HAMPTON FALLS, February, 1871.

